

NOMURA et al  
Appl. No. To be Assigned  
January 16, 2004

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

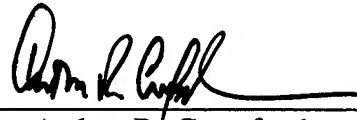
Claims 1-10 have been canceled and claims 11-25 have been added and are pending.

An early and favorable Action on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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